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LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am pleased to transmit to you herewith a letter from His Royal Highness, Prince Saud Al-Faisal Al Saud, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia. I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gaafar M. ALLAGANI
Ambassador

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Annex

Letter dated 13 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of my country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I should like to transmit to you the following reply to the letter dated 6 June 1994 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen, in which he expressed his Government's strong sense of regret at the contents of the opening address to the fifty-first session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council on Saturday, 4 June 1994:

I should like to inform you that the contents of the above-mentioned opening address and the press statement issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council are a sincere expression of the profound regret and acute grief felt by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the fraternal States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council at the ferocious fighting, bloody conflict, overwhelming losses of lives and property and destruction of the potentials and capacities of Yemen, which must necessarily rend the heart of every sincere person, particularly since the fighting is between brothers.

The expression of the keen desire of the States of the Gulf Cooperation Council for the restoration of security and stability in Yemen accords fully with the provisions of Security Council resolution 924 (1994) calling for an immediate halt to all military operations and engagement in peaceful dialogue, with a view to ending the bloodshed and preserving lives and property. Inasmuch as the international community has, through this resolution, affirmed the need for the maintenance of peace and security in Yemen, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter, the compounded concern of the States of the Gulf Cooperation Council is not only in accord with the principles of the United Nations Charter but also and primarily with the centuries-old bonds based on one creed, one language, kinship and shared interests that link Saudi Arabia, the other States of the Council and the fraternal people of Yemen. Since the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council expressed their alarm at the continuation of the fratricidal fighting, lest it render this situation explosive and threaten peace and security in the region, this alarm did not emanate from a vacuum but from real events taking place in Yemen. The Government of Saudi Arabia reaffirms its invariable policy of non-intervention in the internal affairs of any State and respect for good-neighbourliness. It reaffirms also the statement concerning Yemeni unity in the press statement issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its fifty-first session. It cannot, in the circumstances, understand the motives for the protest by the Government of Yemen against the contents of the opening address and the press statement issued at the above-mentioned session. It does not, therefore, approve the course of stirring up inflammatory feelings in order that the fratricidal fighting may continue.

My country's Government expresses extreme surprise at the contents of the last paragraph of the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen, in which he asserts that "these provocative and unwarranted attitudes and statements, which represent an encroachment on the unity of the Republic of

Yemen and give encouragement ... to rebellion against law and order, will not perhaps be helpful in ensuring implementation of the aforesaid Security Council resolution".

At the same time, we wonder where is the alleged provocation? What I stated earlier accords fully with what was stated by the Security Council in resolution 924 (1994), which calls for an immediate halt to all military operations and engagement in peaceful dialogue, in order to end the bloodshed and preserve lives and property. This reflects the position of the Government of Saudi Arabia, which accords with international legitimacy as expressed in Security Council resolution 924 (1994).

Accordingly, my country's Government rejects this protest and sincerely hopes that the Yemeni command in Sana'a will respond positively to the provisions of Security Council resolution 924 (1994), that it will not resort to military force for the settlement of disputes among brothers, and that the appeal of the Arab community, as endorsed by international legitimacy, will be heeded in all sincerity.

(Signed) Saud AL-FAISAL
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Saudi Arabia